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SOUTHERN COMMAND

Department of Public Safety

Nevada Highway Patrol

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

The Southern Command currently has 2 sworn vacancies. 17 cadets started the August 15, 2005 training academy, 14 in Las Vegas and three in Carson City. The new hires and transfers have dramatically reduced our vacancies throughout the Southern Command.

Southern Command personnel handled 1162 crashes as compared to 925 crashes in August of 2004. This was an increase of 25.6%. Crashes resulting in fatalities increased 12.5% as compared to last year. In actual numbers there were 9 fatal crashes in August 2005 and 8 fatal crashes in August 2004. The Southern Command preliminary documentation shows a 168% increase in the overall number of commercial vehicle crashes. Of the 67 commercial crashes investigated this month, there was one fatality; 17 resulted in injuries, and the remaining 49 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 5.8% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command.

The Administrative Services section of the Southern Command processed 1234 crash reports and 381 arrest reports during August 2005. This resulted in 7287 crash reports being mailed out. These numbers reflect a 16.6% increase as compared to last year. Visitors to the front office that required services increased by 6.3% when comparing August 2004. The Southern Command Communication Center also logged 24,002 CAD incidents and 41,302 telephone calls received.

The Southern Command had a decrease in overall enforcement of 21.4% in August 2005, as compared to the August 2004. Total DUI arrests were down 24% as compared to last month, however DUI's from crashes were down 34.8% as compared to last month. The Commercial Operations Section showed substantial increases in hazardous citations/arrests, other traffic citations/arrests, safety inspections, CR's, drivers placed out of service, overweight citations, and total dyed fuel inspections as compared to August 2004.

Southern Command personnel continue to perform their duties admirably, and are receiving a much needed increase in manpower as a result of the July academy graduation, and the start of the new academies in August. The 24,002 incidents/contacts with the public in August can be attributed to field enforcement and response to traffic crashes. These contacts also included: motorist assists, debris removal, medical assists, allied agency assistance, and traffic hazard mitigation. The decreases in overall activity in August can be attributed to an increase in calls for service as well as the large number of new Troopers currently in field training.

I commend the personnel of the Southern Command for their diligence, dedication and professionalism.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	August-05	August-04	% Change	July-05	% Change
Total crashes	1162	925	25.6%	1128	3.0%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	873	642	36.0%	825	5.8%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	280	275	1.8%	296	-5.4%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	9	8	12.5%	7	28.6%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	45	69	-34.8%	43	4.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	9	8	12.5%	6	50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	2	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	3	-66.7%	1	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2	2	0.0%	0	200.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	2	1	100.0%	1	100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	2	1	100.0%	2	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	67	25	168.0%	74	-9.5%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	49	20	145.0%	55	-10.9%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	17	5	240.0%	16	6.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	0	100.0%	3	-66.7%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 0.8%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.9%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 42.9.0%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 5.8%
- ✱ Total crashes up 25.6% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes up 168.0% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes increased 12.5% from last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	August 2005		August 2004	% Change		July 2005	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	45		69	-34.8%		43	4.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	124		154	-19.5%		174	-28.7%
Other arrests	869		1041	-16.5%		861	0.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	364		472	-22.9%		374	-2.7%
Speed violations	2476		2578	-4.0%		2715	-8.8%
Hazardous moving violations	1874		2521	-25.7%		1995	-6.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	451		680	-33.7%		511	-11.7%
Total violations [above violations included]	8373		10654	-21.4%		8874	-5.6%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	86		29	196.6%		71	21.1%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	148		95	55.8%		142	4.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	964		615	56.7%		819	17.7%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	5		1	400.0%		3	66.7%
Total safety violations -- citation	220		217	1.4%		151	45.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1540		1357	13.5%		1083	42.2%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	82		90	-8.9%		60	36.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	81		50	62.0%		79	2.5%
Total school buses inspected	323		337	-4.2%		58	456.9%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	43		46	-6.5%		11	290.9%
Total trucks weighed	87		79	10.1%		645	-86.5%
Total overweight citations	24		14	71.4%		7	242.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	868		467	85.9%		822	5.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	1		0	100.0%		2	-50.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		20		13
Safety Violations Citation	0		19		0
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		82		39
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		8		3
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		5		0
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		4		0

OPERATIONS ANALYSIS

- ★ Average BAC 0.120%
- ★ Average age of DUI arrests: 31 years old.
- ★ 0% of DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance. (pending)
- ★ 6% of drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.
- ★ Traffic Enforcement is down 21.4% from last year and down 5.6% from last month.
- ★ Commercial Operations, hazardous moving enforcement is up 196.6% from last year.
- ★ Commercial vehicle inspections up 56.7% from last year.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	August-05	August-04	% Change	July-05	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions from Console	118821	N/A **	N/A	114330	3.9%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	416832	N/A **	N/A	409342	1.8%
CAD Incidents	24002	19696	21.9%	23163	3.6%
Telephone Calls	41302	37425	10.4%	33857	22.0%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	150	222	-32.4%	134	11.9%
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	1234	1048	17.7%	1207	2.2%
Arrest Reports Processed	381	495	-23.0%	354	7.6%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	8	22	-63.6%	11	-27.3%
Vehicle Impound Releases	102	139	-26.6%	121	-15.7%
Visitors at Counter	916	862	6.3%	883	3.7%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	7287	6249	16.6%	7203	1.2%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	288	169	70.4%	119	142.0%
Warrants Entered	198	1071	-81.5%	1127	-82.4%
Warrants Cleared	236	227	4.0%	214	10.3%
Warrants Validated	1202	1805	-33.4%	1249	-3.8%
Extradition / Transports	7	15	-53.3%	14	-50.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	58	104	-44.2%	107	-45.8%
New Items Submitted	99	193	-48.7%	173	-42.8%
Items Disposed	4	35	-88.6%	6	-33.3%

**Radio TX unavailable due to 800 transitions

CONTRACT SERVICES

- ✱ 9 Contracts requiring 263.50 work hours, billing \$12,426.00

EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 84.5% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 12% of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 3.4 % of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0% of case submissions.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- ✱ 4 Enforcement missions flown.
- ✱ 7 Prisoner transports.

COMMENDATIONS

- ✱ 6 from public to sworn
- ✱ 8 from other Public Organizations

PUBLIC INFORMATION**NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE INCOMING AIRMAN'S BRIEFING:**

Personnel reporting to Nellis Air Force Base were presented a class on Nevada traffic laws with special emphasis on seat belt safety and the dangers of driving while intoxicated. August 23rd and 30th, 2005

HEAT PROGRAM:

The HEAT program has had another successful month with educating the community. Several Troopers checked out the Camaro and HEAT truck to take to several schools throughout the valley to talk to the students about seat belt safety.

August 5th and 19th marked the 2nd and 3rd "test and tune" sessions. Several Troopers practiced racing down the strip. The Troopers also learned about the structure of the event itself. NHP is rapidly becoming the crowd favorite. Trooper involvement is on the rise.

FIREFEST 2005:

A fund raiser benefiting the Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Department. The PIEO represented the Nevada Highway Patrol by interacting with the public and answered questions regarding specific NRS as well as general inquiries into registration and driver license regulations.

BASS PRO SHOPS 2005 HUNTING CLASSIC:

A 2 day event hosted by Bass Pro Shops. The event included many public interest booths. We sponsored a clinic about boat trailer safety as well as answering the many questions with regards to specific laws in Nevada.

Public Requests for Information: 93

13 were forward to Traffic Sgts, commendations and complaints
80 were general questions from the public to include NRS questions, traffic citations and how to obtain an accident report.

Press releases: 10

8 were Fatal related
2 were NHP related